U.S. Application No. 10/616,708 Reply to Office Action dated April 26, 2004

REMARKS

I. **Summary of the Office Action**

The Examiner has required election under 35 USC § 121 for prosecution on

the merits of a single species selected from the following asserted patentably distinct

species: the species of Figure(s) 1/6, Figure 3, Figure 4, Figure 5A, Figure 5B,

Figure 5C, Figure 7 or Figure 8.

II. Summary of this Reply

To expedite prosecution on the merits, Applicant elects the species of Figures

1/6. Claims 1-21 and 23-26 are believed to read thereon, and are hereby elected for

prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to pursue in a continuation/divisional

application any claims not presently elected, and to later traverse the technical

sufficiency of the restriction/election requirement.

CONCLUSION

If any issues remain, the undersigned requests a telephone interview prior to

the issuance of an action.

Respectfully submitted,

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